

REMARKS

Co-Pending Applications

To fully comply with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants and Applicants' attorney hereby disclose the existence of the following commonly-owned patent application(s):

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/141,574 (Filed May 31, 2005)

U.S. Patent Application No. 11/234,702 (Filed September 23, 2005)

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner review the claims and the prosecution history, including any Office Actions issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, for the above-listed application(s), since the specification of these applications may include similar subject matter.

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